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- 25X1 1. The factory situation at Eisenhuettenkombinat Ost, Fuerstenberg/Oder, has somewhat improved, and the production of pig iron has been affected for the better. Furnace 1 is being kept in operation for propaganda reasons, but in order to reduce the cost of this unproductive operation, the smelting is done with coke from the Waldenburg area and with low grade sortings of Russian iron ore.
2. The situation at furnace 2 is better. The daily production amounts to about 370 tons of pig iron, of which about 55% is of useful quality. Specially trained workers must sort that which is useful from the total product of the foundry. The daily operation of furnace 2 is impaired by the poor quality of the accessories, machines and apparatus, which, so far, have proved to be operationally unsafe; this equipment is a Russian-Zone product.
3. In the construction of furnace 3 the use of machines and apparatus of Czech origin is planned, and the orders have already been placed. About two-thirds of the accessories will come from outside the DLR. By this means it is hoped to reach a 100% production at furnace 3.

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